

SENATE BILL 742

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 26;
Title 50; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to
medical debt.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

68-11-266. Every hospital licensed under this chapter shall develop a concise
statement of its charity care policies for use by members of the public so as to permit
individuals to more accurately assess the impact of medical debt from a hospitalization
at each institution. Every hospital shall prominently post this statement in an accessible
place in its emergency room.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.